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THE MATINEE GIRL



The funniest place in New York used to be the Chamber of Horrors at the Eden Musee, but it has to take second rank now to the shop where they sell stage lingerie.

Stage lingerie is not the sort that Cynthia used to wear. Cynthia's husband, in the play, commenting on his wife's extravagance, says: "Why, she has real lace on the things that she wears!"

With a show girl it's all so different. Her belts and laces—her garters, even—are well in the public view. In the glare of the footlights, under changing shadows of violet and pink and blue, the swirl and swirl of the flimsy ruffles are always in evidence.

Even stage long-skirted actresses came in fashion the importance of the frilled petticoat has not been forgotten. Tights have gone out forever as a way of dressing the chorus. Lingerie, not lace, is the demand.

And managers appreciate what a factor to the drama the lace frill has become, and they not only provide all the lace frills but they send them each week to the cleaners, for our laundry methods are so crude that lace no longer is lace when it comes back from the tub and the iron.

Stage lingerie had to be made to order until the Naughty Shop was opened. It was never carried by the ordinary dealer, for it has to be finished with a certain whoop la! effect that requires a quantity of lace and ribbon in the making, and this lace is never very fine.

This not so much as an economy but because of the fact that coarse lace really shows up better on the stage. The secret of the effectiveness of Letty Lind's famous dance was largely a matter of the yards and yards of lace ruffles that trimmed not only the outside but the inside of her skirts.

These ruffles were very soft and extended to the waist, but they were not bulky. As she moved her limbs the lace floated in a perfect cloud and the new dance became the rage. It was such a reaction from the show girl in tights and the ballet girl that it caught the public at once. You could take your mother to see it!

The Naughty Shop, realizing that a demand had arisen for the whoop la! style of lingerie, immediately set its manufacturers at work designing and making dozens of unusually showy garments imitating French designs in cheap lace and cambric, and advertising them for stage wear.

Other smarter shops refused to handle wares of this class. There seemed to be a certain reflection on the things, no matter how handsome they looked, just as a few years ago a tan automobile cost stood for all sorts of wickedness.

But the Naughty Shop prospered, and while you didn't see any crusted broughams in line at the door the trade boomed. No matter how old a woman gets she has a certain passion for lace trimmed things with blue baby ribbon run through them.

Some women expend this passion on their babies' clothes, but others go on until the end putting bow knots on their stay covers so that you can see them through their lace shirt waists.

Good lace is the most expensive article in a woman's wardrobe, but the Naughty Shop, with its stage lingerie, offered a chance to every woman, for the prices were low—wonderfully so, the idea at first being that garments would be worn only a few times on the stage and then disposed with.

They were made for show rather than long wear, but the feminine public began to clamor at the doors and the shop had to enlarge its space to accommodate its customers with whoop la! tastes but restricted incomes.

The show windows are always filled with an alluring array. Passing by in a car you see heads turn to the startling window where wax blonde ladies pose with sweet smiles, their costumes shockingly uncompleted but their attitudes indicating a delightful lack of prudishness.

The scene suggests the dormitory of a girls' college at midnight when some secret festivity is in progress.

Here and there you are somewhat teased to see from the car a suit of jaunty blue or pink silk pajamas in the group, but a closer inspection will reveal the fact that there is really no cause for alarm, the wearers being unmistakably feminine.

There is always a group of women staring in these show windows, with here and there a man, who stops to study the things out. Some one has said that the man who gapes into a window of this sort is all right. It is the fellow who hurries by without looking that you have to look out for.

But all sorts of people are passing through these doors all day long, and they linger long

within, lured by the frilly bargains. The best of it all is that the big stores have had to live up or down to the whoop la! shop, and now lingerie for the stage and not for it is prettier than it ever was and less expensive.

Here is one instance in which the influence of the stage has been distinctly elevating. The success of the venture put whoop la! into thinking, and those who cannot afford the real French imported things can have copies of them so perfect that they can't be told apart, except by an expert.

Our American laundries and laundresses are so very bad that hand lace trimmings on the things that no one sees are a mistake.

One visit to the laundry and real lace comes back looking like the get-em-again. So it is another case of the age we live in—an age of near silk—in everything from sentiment to salubrity.

Very few of us go in for the fine old style of our grandmothers, who wouldn't wear sham lace or jewels any more than they would rouge their cheeks.

We girls of to-day are jolly well able to make up, and we all wear fish skin pearls and imitation Val on our handkerchiefs and think nothing of it.

Our grandmothers were fine, but they were also a bit fuddy-duddy, and then, you know, they had such loads of time to embroider things. As to lingerie—well, there used to be a certain vague, shadowy belief that a girl who wore anything but tucks and hem-stitching wasn't any better—if indeed as good—as she ought to be.

That was an idea for the dark ages of ugly furniture and crinoline and poke bonnets. To-day we have learned a bit from William Morris and a few others, and we know that it is our duty to wear pretty things with bow knots on them.

And as to the Naughty Shop with its whoop la! effects—I never can regard it as a wicked place. On the contrary, I think of the missionary work it accomplishes in making women happy in the possession of dainty-looking things that their hearts long for just as fervently as a man longs for his cigar.

A girl would have to go all her life looking in windows at the things that come from Paris in the decorated boxes at a hundred dollars for the set if it weren't for the Shop.

Girls will be girls. I saw a little French nun stepping out of a Broadway car the other day with a pair of black open-work stockings well in evidence, worn with low shoes!

As the stage has advanced its standards of dressing from the burlesque undress of so many seasons ago to this present era of beautiful frocks and hats, it has become an education to women in the audience who get their lessons in the most effective way—indirectly, but surely nevertheless.

And the stage in New York seems to hold its supremacy in this, for the English actresses who have dressed well in their various parts during the past season have at their best worn no such gowns and wraps, hats and paraphernalia as those of our own companies.

The New York shops give us the best in the world. We no longer have to go abroad for our gloves and our handkerchiefs, even—these two items that formerly had to have the Paris label.

Our American corset builders are leaving the French manufacturers as though they were standing still. Our American boots are selling in London as well as in New York.

And our American lingerie—well, a large number of us patronize the nice Naughty Shop.

THE MATINEE GIRL

BEFORE AND BEHIND THE CURTAIN.

II.

The faculty of imitation is one of the most primitive in the psychology of man.

Notably displayed among the young and middle-aged it is one of the most obvious traits of their relative, the theatrical man. So in the mentally defective and degenerate the desire to act out a part frequently becomes an insuperable compulsion. Some years ago there was a harmless old man in the Quebec Insane Asylum who believed he was Hamlet. The institution at this time was in charge of the lamented Dr. Roy, whose wise and humane treatment of his deranged patients worked so admirably that violence and restraint were almost unknown. This good physician's whole system was to respect the various idiosyncrasies of his charges and to behave as if he considered them sane. So on a July afternoon the whole household was found on the beautiful lawn in front of the asylum ready to welcome their adored friend and his visitors.

Dr. Roy instantly grasped the outstretched hand of "Hamlet," and humored his innocent hallucination by reminding us of the tribute demanded by the great prophet, as well as the homage due the lady at his side with a gilt paper crown glittering upon her fringed and unmanageable locks, when he presented as "Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Victoria."

We paid the respect demanded with alacrity, yet our critical sense was scarcely convinced by this primitive example of the mimetic art.

Many people mistake such an elemental impulse toward mimicry for the art of acting, but it is so different, and so far from being that of the "Mime" and the "Queen."

Without serving an apprenticeship to the trade a man would scarcely hesitate to acknowledge his inability to make a pair of shoes; ask a woman to mend a broken umbrella or sew on a button without a shank, and she will indignantly resent the impossibility; but acting is supposed to be—as Harrie makes Tamara say of humor—"a thing 'at sports 'out of 'is sin 'accord."

Now, not only is the actor's work as technical as that of the cobbler, but the unadorned hand wrestling with the broken-ribbed umbrella is not so much of a failure as the ordinary amateur trying to act. Of course there are exceptions to all rules. I have seen private theatricals worthy of the French stage in absolute perfection of finish. Indeed, more than once have I sat at one of these performances with all the pained dumbing for the first time, and only woke from his reverie to find he had lost his dinner while silently wondering how on earth the apple got there.

And yet, while I confess these were remarkable amateurs, I must condemn their system, which had been to sit night after night before their models until close observation enabled them to mold their clay exactly after the pattern.

The actor copies nature, but the power of his own imagination, personality and all the refining values of long years of study give to his work a creative stamp that raises his picture to the standard of art.

Imitation of a copy, therefore, unless distinctly proclaimed, is misleading to others and a dangerous method for the mimic himself; since while it may serve in a sporadic effort now and then, it will never pass for the real thing in the hands of the actor who is called upon to originate, and whose final success will depend largely on his own individuality.

This brings to mind a striking contrast I have noticed. Seldom or never do I find an amateur nervous in the same degree as the old actor. If only the spirit of the mime possesses him, it is perfectly natural. For the amateur puts on his borrowed robes as he had seen

others wear them and is held in the belief that they will grace him equally, while the actor is struggling with a new idea and unconsciously apprehensive of his own powers—for the one, friendly adaptation will illuminate his efforts, some what may; for the other, severe criticism may cloud a hard-won reputation. Seldom, then, that with this concern of polished respectability the artist whose standard is high would be so far removed from a sense of modest security. I remember Miss Cookham telling me how she paced the room before her first appearance in London, and at last found herself with arms uplifted crying out, "Oh, God, if there is anything in Charlotte Cushman, may it come out to-night!"

This was the peaceful death of a rare genius after a hard-to-hand struggle with poverty and disappointment. Yet there are many dramatic aspirants who seem to feel not only assured of the divine spark within, but equally satisfied that it will make itself manifest without any effort on their part and with brilliancy enough to blot out even physical deformities.

I have already touched slightly on the necessary equipment of an actor, and the remembrance of my own experience of painful nervousness in youth and age may serve as excuse if I am insistent on the subject of this earnest conquest in the mind of others. I would, therefore, in self-defense, before relating a little incident under this head that happened to me recently, to say a few words about my first engagement at the Boston Museum—now, alas! no more.

In New York I had been a "second" both at Burton's and Laura Keane's, but this offer was for the important position of leading actor, and in Boston, too. New York loved me, and I loved my audience. The critics also—how loquacious they had been to flatter, how helpful, how generous in their encouragement! After many, very many years, I recall with grateful and affectionate remembrance all that those days in New York were to me. But even the never failing confidence of youth did not possess me with courage to accept my new position without conditions in Boston, where I was a stranger among strangers. I wrote to the manager, Mr. Keane, telling him to wait until I had made the humble petition that I might be allowed a modest opening, and also that I should not be asked to act Hamlet in *As You Like It* for the first season, or indeed at all until I had grown up to it; so he gave me *The Mistle* as an easy start-off. But easy as it was I found myself making my way behind the scenes cold, trembling, with mouth dry and parched, and a frightfully nervous dread. As I could myself on the safe ready for Lydia Langley, to be discovered, I came to realization of the fact that as our audience are shocked by music, so mine were being played upon by the atmosphere.

The fear which paralyzed me was not altogether dread of the audience, but the indescribable excitement of standing in this "House of Moles," on the same stage with William Warren and Mrs. Vincent, in the place where that great army of the past had trod those same boards in triumph and their traditions for the sake of the future. Thus imbued as I am with deep reverence for that magnetic power of genius which comes only as the result of long and faithful study, it is small wonder if I grow impatient with the self-satisfied, happy-go-lucky individual who smugly thinks "he knows it all."

My surprise almost overcame reasonable courtesy the other day when a lady was announced who had asked for an appointment. I knew by her letters she was socially well and as she came into the room I took note that she was fat, fair and forty. I say forty because, of course, nobody is ever older than forty in a Gainsborough hat. My visitor was especially dressed, poorly in her bearing, dignified in her manner, but obviously lame. Her ambition was to be prepared in *Rosalind*; *Rosalind*, the airy, "light-winged Rosalind," *Rosalind* in male attire, with a crooked gait and an unbecomable caving of the body and from conversing it at every step! Yet this woman of the world believed drapery could be made to disguise a "slight defect" and that a "few lessons" would enable her to succeed in her ambitious flight, because she was "a born actress."

Those who have literally crawled behind the scenes and as babies learned to take their first steps there—as very many children have—are unflinchingly honest in listening to these self-styled "born actors."

Actors then are by inheritance, whole families descended from generation to generation—the Booths, Jeffersons, Salvini, Dues, who played Juliet at fifteen (for these people know the value of youth); Mrs. Pinks, Mrs. Kendal, John Drew, Ethel Barrymore, Lady Theodore Martin (Helen Faucit). But it is almost invidious to mention the few. To their honor be it spoken, it is these old theatrical families which can teach the brightest students on the stage, least and present. It seems as if they are inoculated in infancy, and all that is to others so-called temptation is neither felt nor known by them. If the instinct within ourselves is to look down, we shall see the dull earth; but if our minds are uplifted we see the bright canopy above.

The imagination of these stage children is fed with as much of the ideal that while they are taught to be practical, while sterling common sense is by no means an unknown quantity in their education, the scene around is not to them all paint and canvas. It represents sea and sky and rainbows of color, and bright stars, for they instinctively look up. Even if the pathway is soiled below, they tread lightly and never know it. As Thoreau says: "So are there manifold visions in the direction of every object and even the most opaque reflect the heavens from their surface."

Catharine Mary Nagle, Boston

ENGAGEMENTS

Clarence Montague, with Robert Mantell.
K. F. Nagle, for The Price of Honor.
B. T. Ringgold, with Otis Skinner.
Angela McCall, as Ingenua, by Edwin Thumhouse.
Charles Willard, for Cheekers.
Ada Henry, by Broadhurst and Currie.

Harry Dull has engaged Chester De Vande to play the title-role and Estella Hamilton the principal soprano in his Eastern Weary Willie Walker company for next season.

Charles F. Brown and wife, Joie Fisher, for May Mummy Stock, playing St. John and Helina.
For the Cook-Church Stock company, Mabel Griffith, Lulu McConnell, Charles E. Brannan, George I. Cantelbury, and Charles Cook.

James Newton Drew, to manage the stage and play the character comedy role with Gus Van Tassel in her production of *The Volunteer*.

James R. Adams has signed Walter Mack to go in advance of the Adams Brothers' Own Attractions, and has also engaged James E. Leslie and Al. Des-Bocher.
By Gus Hill for Alphonse and Gaston company: The Powers Brothers, Montgomery and Pearl, Harry Watson, Jennie Lagout, Broadway Sisters, Allen Love, Lawrence A. Cove, Frank Edwards, F. C. Kennedy, Joe Weeger, W. J. Conahan, Warner Conroy, the Manhattan Trio, and a chorus of twenty-four people.

Arthur G. Thomas, by R. L. Cressy, as business manager of A United Life company, which will open its season early in August in Chicago.

By the E. B. Queen Amusement Company for Out of the Fold, which will open for a run at the Street Northern Theatre, Chicago, June 21: Sylvia Bidwell, Theodore Babcock, Langdon McCormick, Frank Nelson, Warren Adams, Jr., William, Joe Dunlap, Louise Mitchell, Ethel Reddick, and Blanche Seton.

Arthur L. Verner and Lela T. Davis, for A Wise Member company, which will open on Aug. 2.
Ralph Lewis, by C. B. Dillingham, for Henry Miller's company.

Jack Sharkey, by Forrester-Mittenthal, as Jack Hiddle in A Democratic Chance.

William Echols and Marie Van Etten, with the Della Fringe Stock company, under the management of G. Faith Adams.

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THE CAREER OF THE DONNELLY COMPANY.

Play by William F. F.
HENRY V. DONNELLY.

When the curtain fell last Saturday night at the Murray Hill Theatre upon the closing performance of the fifth and last season of the Henry V. Donnelly Stock company, it is very likely that amidst Mr. Donnelly's breathless sigh of relief, doubtless there was also regret in the sigh, for it is probable that Mr. Donnelly is as fond of his associates as they are of him and as the Murray Hill patrons are of them. The Donnelly Stock company, during its five years' existence, has been an important factor in the theatrical life of the city; it has been uninterruptedly successful, both artistically and pecuniarily, and it has constantly reflected credit upon its founder and proprietor.

Mr. Donnelly, in speaking to a *Mirror* reporter of the career of his enterprise, set forth some interesting facts about stock company management. "The difficulty of securing fresh and desirable material in the way of plays is one of the greatest problems that the stock company manager has to face," said Mr. Donnelly. "If it were not for that difficulty I should continue with the stock company at the Murray Hill. But the fact is that we have practically exhausted the supply of plays. Of course there are thousands of old dramas that we might present, and there are doubtless several millions of new, untried plays that could be had, but of available plays—plays that have been successful in comparatively recent years and that have not been worn threadbare—there is a limited supply. During our five years at the Murray Hill we have presented close upon two hundred plays of various ages and descriptions. And I think that I am safe in saying that we have covered the ground open to us as thoroughly as it well could be covered."

"Shakespeare's plays have always been received with favor by our audience, and each season I have presented at least three of them. But of course one cannot give people Shakespeare all the time—and, moreover, productions of the Shakespeare plays, as they must be made in these days, are rather too expensive for a low-price theatre. The old comedies have also been very successful at the Murray Hill, but with them the same difficulty presents itself. Theatre-goers want the old comedies only occasionally—and they want to see them mounted in the most extravagant fashion. The great mass of plays of fifty, twenty-five or even a dozen years ago are unavailable because in sentiment as well as in construction they are hopelessly old-fashioned."

"I have been asked why I have not produced more new plays. The answer is simple. The cost of presenting an absolutely new play is great. If it fails the loss is considerable, and if it wins success the reward is small, in low-price theatre. If a new play succeeds it is as easy to get \$2 a seat as it is to get 50 cents—and when one is limited to 50 cents the chance for making a profit are, of course, extremely small. The stock company manager must depend upon the supply of plays that have been successful, that are not out of date, and upon which the royalty charges are within the bounds of reason. As I have said, we have practically exhausted that supply."

In answer to a question by the reporter relative to the financial history of the enterprise Mr. Donnelly said: "At the outset the results were discouraging. We opened on Aug. 27, 1898, in The New South. The total receipts for the first week—twelve performances—were \$177. The next week and the next were just as bad, and indeed for nineteen consecutive weeks the receipts were far below the expenses. At about Christmas time the turning point came, and every week since then—four seasons and a half—the company has played to very profitable business. It is absolutely necessary to build up a regular clientele for a stock company. Once that is accomplished, and until the supply of plays gives out, the manager has clear sailing. Our staff of patrons was organized slowly but surely. People were accustomed to come to the Murray Hill more by the personal recommendation of their friends than by the ordinary means of theatrical advertising. During the first season we gained a very large number of regular subscribers in New York and in the suburban towns, and many of these early patrons remained loyal to us through the whole period of our existence."

"I want to say," continued Mr. Donnelly, "that the success of the company has been largely due to the earnest, serious work on the part of the players who have been associated with me. Every one of them has worked hard; yet let it be said in contradiction to the general impression that stock company work is too strenuous to be endured for long, no one has broken down under the strain. On the contrary, the majority of the members of the company gained in health while playing two performances a day. With the succeeding seasons the company changed almost completely, and I am glad to say that almost every player who left the company has been successful since."

During its five years' term at the Murray Hill the company included in its membership a number of players whose names are very well known to theatre-goers. Among the visiting stars were Marie Walworth, Daniel E. Bandmann, Creston Clarke, and Elita Proctor Otis. The regular leading women were the late Hannah May Ingham, Dorothy Donnelly, Alice Johnson, and Laura Hope Crews. The prominent leading men were Robert Drouet, Ralph Stuart, and William Bramwell. Among others who played successfully with the company at different times during the five years are William Redmond, Mrs. Thomas Barry, Charles D. Waldron, E. T. Stetson, Rose Beaudet, Bando Milligan, Walter Allen, Thomas A. Coleman, Georgia Welles, Edwin Alexander, Emmet King, Grace Huntington, Rose Stuart, Francis Starr, H. Sheldon Lewis, George Henry Trader, Robert McWade, Jr., Charles H. Hutchinson, and John R. Robertson.

Next season, as has been announced, the Murray Hill will be occupied by Edward Harrigan and his company, presenting his own plays, although Mr. Donnelly will continue to be the lessee and manager of the playhouse.

LISTEN, WOMAN!

Orangeine relieves pain, heals nervous, restores natural conditions, gives lasting strength.

ADAPTED FROM THE ENGLISH.

In days to come, when the great clearing house of the past shall be established, France will have a category drama, and England for one of dramatic genius, but England will be a century behind France in the development of the dramatic art. Although the principle of public drama was set on foot by Thomas Kyd of dramatic memory, when he appropriated the Cornelia from Seneca, we have to assume great caution at the outset, as an act to be followed by appearance. Frequently a similarity of plot, so far from indicating direct plagiarism, points to a common source of inspiration. At the latter end of the sixteenth and the beginning of the seventeenth centuries, the dramatists of both countries found their themes ready made in the myths and poems of Seneca, Aristotle, Seneca and others. Frequently the same theme, or even the same character, each built upon the same foundation, arriving at much the same result. Thus it was that France's earliest literary introduction to England began in 1615 with the translation of a novel. The work chosen for this distinction was the "Furber" of Robert Greene, a theme upon which Shakespeare had inspired his soul by making it the basis of his Winter's Tale. In France the story appeared in the dramatic instinct of two fourteenth-century playwrights, Hardy, whose dramatization has not survived, and Pagan de la Ferre, whose Furber, on a Princess malheureuse, which took two days to perform and was arranged in ten acts, first saw the light in 1615.

Then, while at an early period we find the dramatists of both countries working in the same groove, the right and practice of mutual and direct appropriation had no upholders until well into the close of the seventeenth century. With the Restoration, English plays to France became the mode. English authors began by assimilating the form and ended in stealing the matter. Dryden, who confessed his indebtedness in saying that he used the French as a model, "not stealing their plots, but taking their principles." Encouraged by such precedent, others fell in line, and by 1701 the treasures of Moliere had been utterly rifled.

So far as France was concerned her earliest direct use of an English play was equivalent to a theft. Dryden, who had first seen the light in 1668, La Fontaine transposed the action to remote times, enveloping Otway's characters in the time of old Rome. Result: the tragedy of Marius Capitolinus, performed on January 18, 1668, and subsequently published with a distinguished preface in which the author adroitly contrived to put his critics on the wrong scent as to his source of inspiration. This mangling of Otway was a sort of retributive justice, by the way, for the author of Venice Preserved had done the very same thing in 1650 when he transposed Romeo and Juliet into Calus Marius.

One attitude of La Fontaine toward his English original is characteristic in the main of the treatment from that to this of English plays by French adapters. It indicates pitifully the dissatisfying qualities of the two theatres. Much of what Otway puts into visual action La Fontaine merely relates. By this means he attained the standard of French regularity, with its cold and formal pedanticism, and he was rewarded in seeing the tragedy hailed as a masterpiece. Indeed, few adaptations from the English met with such lasting success as the Channel. La Fontaine was more scrupulously dealt with by Pierre de Marivaux, a prolific translator of English plays. His more literal version of Venice Preserved was represented on December 5, 1746, at the Theatre Francaise, when Mlle. Clairon electrified her audience by some inspired acting in Belvidera. Before the curtain went up it had been deemed necessary to send on the actor Rossi to notify probable malcontents in the pit of the peculiarity of the genre, with its characteristically English directness of style and dramatic grip.

Of the many unacted translations of plays by Shakespeare, Fletcher, Congreve, Wycherley, Dryden, Steele, Addison and others, it boots not to speak here. Exception, however, must be made of one piece belonging to this particular category because of its influence upon Diderot and his school. It paved the way for the domestic drama in France. The work in question was The London Merchant; or, George Barnwell, of Lillo, an epoch-making play, first seen at Drury Lane in 1730. Written in prose and dealing with a workaday theme, it heralded the dawn of plebeian tragedy. As translated in 1748 by M. P. Clement, George Barnwell aroused much attention and evoked many tears; but such was the translator's respect for the dramatic proprieties of his country that he lacked the hardihood to follow Lillo minutely in his concluding scaffold scene, and merely contented himself by narrating the gruesome features of the dénouement. And yet it was by dint of outraging these proprieties that the English drama was to have its utility in France, not only leading up to Diderot and Sedaine on the one hand, but to Alexandre Dumas and Hugo on the other.

If the translated English play had vital influence even in the closet, so, too, the translated English novel had in a minor and more dubious way its measure of influence upon the French theatre. The vogue of Richardson in France throughout the greater part of the eighteenth century is little less than surprising. At one time "Pamela" was all the rage, and when it was deposed "Clarissa" succeeded it in favor. The dictum that "Pamela" is the best known novel in France has its confirmation in the number of stage versions of the theme. In 1744—just two years after Lillo's weak dramatization had been produced in London—Bouffé wrote a three-act comedy in verse upon this romance of a poor servant girl for the Italian players in Paris. Its success was but slight. Little happened to the fate of Lillo's novel until Voltaire, whose Nanine on the French stage was produced at the Comedie Francaise on June 10, 1740. In this case fortune smiled on the innovator, for Voltaire had departed from the broad lines of the novel and had even introduced an important female character not in the original. The result was a piece witty and skilful, although somewhat deficient in the higher qualities of comedy. Many years later a fourth version of "Pamela" was produced at the Theatre de la Nation. It was the work of Francois de Neufchateau, and was first performed on Aug. 10, 1759. Meantime "Clarissa" had been taken in hand by Née de la Rochelle, whose dramatization saw the light in 1768. Another play on the theme was subsequently produced at the Gymnase in August, 1768, when MM. Dumas, Gouillard, and Clairville were the responsible authors. Thanks to some brilliant acting on the part of Brémont and Rose Chert, the piece drew good houses and was enthusiastically hailed by Gautier and Zola.

Strange as it may appear, England had not a little to do with the rise of opera comique in its small beginnings at the Par of St. Laurent in Paris. Sedaine's noteworthy connection with that lively festival commenced in 1756 with a capital version of Coffey's ballad farce, The Devil to Pay; or, The Wives Metamorphosed, with which acquaintanceship had been made through the medium of a published translation. Sedaine's adaptation lives in French stage history as Le Diable à Quatre. The theatrical record of the quaint imbroglio with which it deals is interesting. It shows the apprenticeship of the late Dutton Cook's reflection: "If it may be so called, led to much confusion touching the paternity of plays. Many works acquired thus a complicated sort of pedigree. Dramas crossed and recrossed the Channel until a grave doubt arose as to their proper nationality." Coffey had borrowed from an earlier farce by Jevon, and Jevon had derived his plot from the story of Mowse in Sir Philip Sidney's "Arcadia." Sedaine adapted Coffey of second hand, and after a long passage of years Sedaine worked on the old theme in far-

reaching the libretto for Achard's opera, La Part de Dieu. This long-lived and well traveled imitator returned to England in 1847, when it formed the basis of Hallé's opera, The Devil in It, as produced at the Surrey Theatre in the Spring of that year.

It was by the success of his first contribution to the treasury of the fair, and inspired by the desire to supply them with a second, Sedaine introduced him of deposing one more on capital. An anonymous translation of Diderot's old Drury Lane farce, The King and the Miller of Mansfield (1787) had just been published. Sedaine borrowed its groundwork and upon it constructed his last of le Fermier. Ten years later Collé tried his hand on the same subject, and by dint of transferring the protagonist, fashioned a play presenting an accurate and agreeable sketch of that chivalrous and open-handed monarch's life and times. This piece, La Partie de Chasse d'Henry IV, was written in three acts. Unfortunately, the author had to content himself with a private representation, as Louis XV forbade it to be played at the Comedie Francaise, fearing that unpleasant comparisons might be instituted between his own court and that of his great predecessor.

More than fifty years after the Fair Penitent of Rome saw the light its salient features were brought to be reproduced by Colardan in his tragedy of Caliste. As produced on Nov. 12, 1760, the adaptation met with scant approval. The tone and setting of the play were much too sombre for the mercurial French playgoer, who had nothing but disgust for the sallow-faced character of death.

History records that Addison's comedy of The Drummer; or The Haunted House, proved little better than a success of esteem, although exclusively acted on its original production in 1715. It was translated into French in 1736 by Destouches, who saw in it the one English com-

edy attempted on January 25, 1768, when Diderot's exact copy was made. La Fontaine's imitation was produced at the Comedie. It proved at best but the meagerest outline of its original prototype. If Moliere was faithful, then indeed it was like the John suffering from perdition's curse. This defect was somewhat compensated by the fact that Freville, who adapted the rule, had the sharp voice and the Gossie and Gossie air of the Mascarilles of French comedy. But the little piece was judged on its individual merits and met with a fair measure of success. It is not, however, until the year 1842, when the Palais of M. Paul Meunier was put in the bill at the Odéon, that we find further trace of the fat knight on French boards.

Another relevant production of the year 1768 was Les Valets Maitres de la Nation of Rochon de Chabannes, brought out at the Comedie on Feb. 11. Students of old dramatic literature will have already divined from the title that the source of inspiration was Trowley's sprightly farce of High Life Below Stairs, then a Drury Lane favorite of nine years' standing. A little later Chabannes turned his attention to The Tempest, which he transfigured into a pastoral. This piece, Héros de Sicile, was provided with music by Gossie, and produced by the King's players on Dec. 10, 1769. Chabannes had been careful to reproduce Caliban in all his uncompromising ugliness, but he had the bad taste to follow the adulterated version of Dryden rather than the original. The subsequent history of the theme attaches itself mostly to the annals of the opera and the ballet. Scribe fashioned an opera libretto out of the play which Mendelssohn consented to set to music, but the maestro had a shocking habit of procrastination, and went the way of all such before commencing his task. It then fell to Halévy's lot to provide the music, and the result to adopt Dutton Cook's phrasing, was "one of those successes



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(At Rome.)

edy that approximated to Gallic style and taste. His judgment lacked immediate endorsement, and it was not until 1762, some time after Destouches' death, that the play reached the theatre. French audiences were now growing more tolerant, and, thanks to their generosity, the adaptation enjoyed a fair measure of success.

On September 24, 1763, the Comedie Francaise sought to tickle the jaded palates of its patrons by presenting a new tragedy by Saurin, entitled Misanthrope de Goussard. The unknown source of inspiration was the Tancrède and Sigismunde of Thomson, a play originally produced at Drury Lane in 1744. Evidently the plagiarism might have passed unnoticed had it not been for the circumstance that Garrick was holiday-making in Paris at the time and ran the fox to earth with a rare tally-ho. So far from Saurin's tragedy having met with great success, as Dutton Cook avers, it was only performed three times, and that, too, despite some very fine acting on the part of Lekain, Clairon and Brizard. Five years later Saurin was concerned in a vastly more important production. In George Barnwell, a thoroughly English tragedy in prose had been familiar to French readers; it remained for Saurin to mark an epoch by bringing this particular genre to the French stage. This he effected in making a translation of Edward Moore's famous tragedy of The Gamester, as originally produced at Drury Lane in 1753. Announced as a "tragedy heroique on cinq actes de vers libres," Saurin's version was brought out at the Theatre Francaise on May 7, 1768. Thanks largely to the acting of Mlle. Doligny as the gambler's wife, the play made a hit as pronounced as it was immediate. In all probability the sheer audacity of Saurin's innovation won the day, although playgoers were ripe for revolution. It came out for Diderot had long clamored for some such change, and the groundswell had grown so democratic that they were weary of pinhead tragedy, and were looking for a more modern convenience. Here at last was the reading public of France. Remark what Freville wrote to Garrick in the following July: "You doubtless know of the success of The Gamester; it is astounding and I am astounded; but one must be prepared for anything, our taste is changing."

The year 1768 was otherwise noteworthy. It had seen an unacted prose translation of The Merchant of Venice. Attention was now being drawn to the comedies of Shakespeare, which obviously had even less of appeal to the French mind than his tragedies. The consequence was that they were all the more freely adapted. A version of The Merry Wives of Windsor was

that are merely failures in disguise." Strange to say, in later times the only prose translation of The Tempest that can be discovered was that made by Bocher in 1883 for the marionettes of the Galerie Vivienne. W. J. LAWRENCE.

A THEATRE AT HILO, HAWAII.

A MUNRO correspondent at Hilo, Hawaii, writes: "What was originally a hall here intended for concerts or like entertainments has been turned into a theatre proper. Though somewhat smaller than the Orpheum at Honolulu (800 capacity) it will undoubtedly fill a long felt want, inasmuch as heretofore there was no building which could be utilized by traveling companies. Again, it is now possible for companies traveling from San Francisco to Australia or the Orient to first touch at Hilo direct via steamship Enterprise, and play two or possibly four nights and then take the Wilders Steamship Company's steamer into Honolulu or vice versa going into San Francisco. This movement can be credited directly to the enterprising lodge of Elks who being desirous of giving performances and having no suitable hall of their own large enough, have offered to share in the expense of refitting the hall. The Elks will open the house on the evenings of July 3, 4, with a minstrel performance. By tearing out partitions of two anterooms a bare stage 38 feet long and 18 feet deep was constructed. With wings, flies, etc., all in place the stage will measure 18 feet deep, 24 feet wide at the proscenium arch, and 15 feet high. Spectacular dressing-rooms with stationary washstands and other modern conveniences will be brought into the remodeled hall or lodge room into a model up-to-date theatre with a seating capacity of nearly 500. Small repertoire, vaudeville or specialty companies who desire a break in the ocean voyage can do well at a two or four nights' stand, as Hilo, being off the main line of traveling companies, has received practically no attention, yet with the steamer connections as mentioned above a company has the opportunity of visiting the volcanoes of Kilauea, only thirty miles distant, the journey being covered by rail and comfortable stage, as well as the natural attractions in and around Hilo proper. Such sights as the Rainbow Falls, the Niagara of Hawaii, the Kaunama Cave, and the lava flow of 1880-81; Onomea Arch, and the Boiling Pots of Pihonui are within easy driving distance. All this can be accomplished by companies playing at popular prices, not under too heavy an expense. Hilo people will always patronize attractions, but, as stated above, being in the past off the direct line of travel has been unfortunate in its attractions."

REFLECTIONS

Jared Humbolt, the animal trainer, is now at work on two fine American bears, exhibiting them in an act that will be a special feature in the new play, On the Trail, which will tour under the management of Leon W. Washburn.

Joseph Jefferson, it is said, has sold the English rights of Rip Van Winkle to Augustus Van Buren, the cellist-actor of England.

H. S. Taylor and S. F. Sherman have separated their interests, the booking business reverting to Mr. Taylor, while Mr. Sherman receives the leases and ownership of the Plainfield Opera House and the Sherman Opera House at Newark, N. Y. Mr. Sherman now controls the Stillman Music Hall, Plainfield, N. J.; the Masonic Theatre, Ellenville, N. Y.; the Melba Theatre, Catskill, N. Y.; the Kaumana Theatre, Glenville, N. Y.; the Burritt Opera House, Westport, N. Y.; the Sherman Opera House, Newark, N. Y., and the Baldwin Theatre, Wellsville, N. Y.

F. Wade Cleveland next season will be featured with Goyart and Maudie's musical farce-comedy, A Jolly Man's Troubles, in the role which he last season originated.

Paula von Arold has been engaged to originate a new part in Facing the Music and to understudy Katherine Grey. Miss von Arold assumed her role last (Monday) evening.

Mrs. Sydney Rosenfeld, corresponding secretary of the National Art Theatre Society, on Thursday evening gave an address on the subject of a national theatre at an informal reception at the home of Mrs. De Vos, at Elmhurst.

Arthur C. Alston will next season present Tennessee's Partner for six weeks during his tour of the Far West. Estha Williams will again be seen as Hettie Brice and Jerome M. Brophy will play his old part of Swan.

Luis Schmid, the manager and leading woman of the German Theatre Stock company in Cincinnati, was married on June 11 in that city to Julius C. Frei, a non-professional. Mr. and Mrs. Frei have gone to Germany on their wedding journey.

Julia A. Weymer, a member of the A. Chinese Honeycomb company, was married in Paterson, N. J., on June 17 to Edward F. Russell.

Marie Grace Derickson, recently a member of The Soldiers of Fortune company, was married in this city on June 18 to Francis O'Neill, a son of the wealthy dry goods merchant. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father J. J. Lavella. Dorothy Doolittle was the maid of honor, and John S. O'Neill, a brother of the groom, was the best man. Mrs. O'Neill has retired permanently from the stage.

Raymond Hubbell, composer of The Runaways, and Helen Lord, who plays the role of Dorothy in the production of that musical comedy at the Casino, were quietly married in this city on June 16. Aileen Crater was the sole witness to the ceremony.

Felix Weingartner, the distinguished German composer and conductor, was married in Munich on June 18 to the Baroness Fedora von Dreyfus.

The engagement is announced of Robert Fitzsimmons to marry Julia May Clifford, of the When Johnny Comes Marching Home company. The date for the wedding has not yet been set.

The seventh performance this season by students of the New York College of Drama was given in the college building, No. 81 Fifth avenue, on the evening of June 13. Her Honor the Judge, by James Rodner, director of the college, was the play, and it and the players aroused much enthusiasm. Mr. Rodner himself played the principal role and was supported by Marion Yarroworth, Edith Ellis, Lillian Alden, May Boyd, Juliet Rosenfeld, Marie Burke, Robert Reif, Curtis Morgan, Samuel Howard, and Edgar Gerard. Mr. Rodner will send the play on the road next season with a professional company.

Marie De Tracé Godshaw was granted a divorce last week from C. L. Herbert Godshaw, with permission to resume her maiden name.

Sam Bernard and Hattie Williams will appear in the American production of The Girl from Kay's.

The Theatrical Protective Union No. 1 has voted \$15 to the St. Louis flood sufferers.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Augustin Glassmire at Williamsport, Pa., on June 17.

Clyde Fitch has selected Fletcher Norton as leading man for Pay Templeton in The Infant Prodigy. Mr. Fitch's musical comedy in which Miss Templeton will star next season. Mr. Norton on Thursday called for Europe, where he will remain until rehearsals for the piece shall begin.

Vincent Serrano has been engaged to originate the role of Taro Burton in Onoto Watanna's play, A Japanese Nightingale.

Maud Edna Hall will next season be featured by Fred Nible and George M. Cohan in James W. Harkins' new melodrama, The Winning Hand. The play, which will open on Sept. 15 in Boston, on Nov. 30 will begin an indefinite run at the American Theatre. The supporting company will include Carlton Macy, M. J. Gallagher, Arthur E. Sprague, Theodore Lytle, Leonora Gordon, Noah L. Berry, and Walter Jones.

Frank Pixley and Gustav Luders are registered at the Hotel Normandie.

Maud Turner Gordon has been engaged by Amelia Bingham to understudy her during her Western tour. Miss Turner during the past season played Miss Bingham's role in The Climbers.

Jack Rafferty, the operatic baritone, has gone to Pittsburgh, where for the summer he will be the principal baritone of the opera company at the Duquesne Garden.

Kirke Le Bello has secured the dramatic rights of Owen Wister's story of Western life, "The Virginian," and expects to produce a dramatization of the book next season. Dumas Farnum will probably be entrusted with the title-role.

Harry Canon Clarke has purchased the rights to a new drama, entitled West of the Missouri, and contemplates sending out a company in it next season to play the low price theatres. Mr. Clarke himself will appear at the head of his own company in His Aunt Bess.

Dr. G. L. Hart, owner of several burlesque companies, and Mabel Leachman, a member of the Burke Brothers Burlesque company, were married in Minneapolis on June 14.

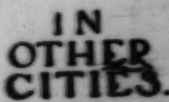
Fletcher Norton, who has been engaged to appear in support of Pay Templeton in The Infant Prodigy next season, called for Europe on Le Lorraine last Thursday, to spend the summer.

Harry Davies, tenor, closed with the Giffin Musical Comedy company at Richmond, Va., June 18, to go to Duquesne Garden, at Pittsburgh, for the rest of the summer.

C. Russell Sage, having closed a successful season with Kyrie Baller, was engaged for a touring scene with Cecil Thomas' production of My Lady Peggy Goes to Town, at the close of which F. F. Proctor engaged him for his summer stock, opening as Paul Dean in Victor Durand with much success.

An elaborate representation of The Christian will be made by Liebler and Company at the Academy of Music on Aug. 6 for three weeks. The cast will include Edgar Davenport, Edward J. Morgan, George Woodward, Harold Hartshill, Stanton Elliott, Georgia Dickson, Carrie Marilees, Evangeline Irving, Edith Harrison, Beth Franklin, and Jessie Bradford. Clara Blaisdell will play the role of Glory Quary. An engagement at the Boston Theatre, Boston, will follow the New York run.

R. E. Johnston, manager for J. B. Doss, was last week presented by his friends with a silver loving cup. Colonel Max Hirsch made the presentation speech.



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are were illustrated songs by Huxtable and Steels,
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a patron. Popular songs by Lillian Newton, and
series of motion pictures entitled "A Trip to the
son." In Harry 22-23.

Harry Thorne Merrick, for many years an attaché for the Barnum and Bailey Circus as clown and letter-writer, ticket seller and book agent, died at the Edward Hospital here 15 from an overdose of morphine. There is good evidence that the drug was taken to give him pain. He was about 50 years old.

The Barnum and Bailey Circus showed here 15 and 16. Four performances were given to very large gatherings, of whom more were than pleased with the attraction.

Manners A. A. Spitz and Max Nathanson and their wives left 16 for a three weeks' pleasure trip into the West.

Monday evening, 15, was concert night at Keith's, and each patron was presented with an autographed photograph of Edwin Alexander, one of the popular musicians of the Albee Stock co. Frank Durling, formerly of the Castle Square and King David Opera co., has been engaged as musical director of the H. L. Williams Opera co. He took charge 15 and as a result the performances have been much improved. **HOWARD C. RIPLEY.**

SEATTLE.

We are now rapidly approaching the beginning of the end. The Grand was drat during the past week and though our other two theatres were open, the coming week will be the last of the Baker theatre, the last of the Southern, and the last of the Grand. For the next three weeks. Announced to appear at the Grand Opera House 10-30 is Mary Manning, and two weeks thereafter we will see E. J. Scherer in "The Wolf King." After another similar interval, we will have the Grand Opera House for the last time. Ralph Stuart had been announced to follow the Baker at the Seattle, but his engagement is now off. After three weeks the Pollard Lilliputian Opera company that will in the meantime have arrived at Seattle will play at the Grand.

Walter Baucom's Co. of Players at the Third Avenue will continue for an even four weeks more, closing July 11. During the Summer Manager Russell announced that several improvements will be made to the betterment of his own theatre and for the increased conveniences of one playing there. Mr. Russell has several of the notable attractions of the Indianapolis looked and intends to have things improved that their engagements will be profitable.

The major theatre co. put on a thoroughly firm performance of Captain Swift 7-12 by many thought to have been the best of the many plays performed that they have given. All in the company seemed suited to their parts as though they had been written for them, and the result may be readily imagined. George Allon, as Captain Swift, was first in excellence, and struck and maintained the true line of the character. Catherine

Stella Dallas. Carlyle Moore did surprising good work as Marshall. Hitherto he had been noted in the first place for his skill as a stage director and secondly though in a much lesser light as a portrayal of juvenile characters. Let us hope that his experiences in a "character" part was the first of many more to follow. William Bernard, as Gardner, had a part that fitted him like the proverbial glove. Howard Russell, as Harry Sealock, won much applause for conscientious handling of that role.

Irma Glendon as Mrs. Seabrook, Bennett Bennett as Mr. Ryan, W. L. Glendon as Mr. Seabrook, Evelyn P. Pomer as Mabel Seabrook, and Ruby Mangel as Glad Staunton, excellently completed the cast. A Good Foot 14-30 is the closing bill.

Walter Sanford's Co. of Players had a profitable week with *A Struggle for Life* 7-12, but the offer of very nearly approached the "blood and thunder" type, and was not of equal merit with any of their previous offerings. The co. from their own

visuals and assist from the play found favor with the audience, and the favorites of the co. do not materially diminish their popularity. Much more is expected of them when they appear in *North Lights* 16-20. Tenmost Tossed will follow.

The Liberator of Liberti's Band, has lately composed the *Forest Sound March* that has been respectively dedicated to Alden J. Nielsen, the editor of the *Seattle Times*. This number will be played by Conductor Thurston's orchestra at the Grand Ope-

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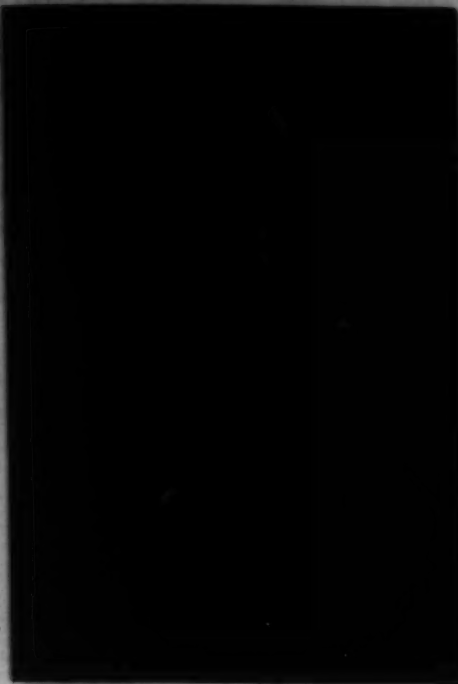


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The many friends of Mose Gumble will recognize a true likeness of this popular young man in the above. Mr. Gumble has won many friends among professional singers, and is recognized as a clever musician among the music publishers and composers. Mr. Gumble for the past two years has been in charge of the Chicago phone of Gumble, Bernstein and Company, and was called to the New York office recently in the absence of Louis Bernstein, who is now abroad. Mr. Gumble will soon return to Chicago, where he will be welcomed by his many friends there.

DOWN IN MUSIC ROW.

The enterprising house of H. Witmark and Sons has recently appeared another valuable worker to its staff. Thornton Cole, the young author, actor and composer, who has recently become prominent in theatrical circles, will write exclusively for the Witmarks, and doubtless both parties concerned will enjoy mutual profit from the association. Mr. Cole has just completed the score of a musical comedy for which Theodore Harbord will supply the lyrics and libretto. It will be brought out under the auspices of a prominent management.

At the Palace Theatre, Boston, Lew Carroll is featuring Mose and Ned's new waltz creation, "The Boys in the Gallery for Mine," and the result is all that can be asked for. It's the hit of his repertoire.

Harry and Woolford at Henderson's Coney Island Theatre are making a decided hit with "Show the White of Yo' Eye."

Among the many that are singing "Sadie Green," Babe Larry and Daley Russell have taken Coney Island by storm. The audience is with them and call for four and five encores.

Joe Humphin and Thomas Whitbread, two well-known entertainers, are taking a number of the Witmark popular hits away with them on their summer vacation to rehearse for next season. Among them are "Star of My Life," "My Coney Corner Girl," "I Never Knew How Much I Loved You Until Now," and "Show My Girl the Whole Year Round."

Al Lawrence is more than pleased with the enthusiastic reception given his new waltz number, "The Boys in the Gallery for Mine," by Helen and Ned.

J. Aldrich Libbey writes, "Sadie Green," "My Sweetie's Wedding Day," and "Sweetie, the Story and Stripes" are the greatest songs I have had in years.

Nellie V. Nichols has the winner of her repertoire in Gilroy and Linton's success, "I'll Be Busy All Next Week."

Rose Lubon, the talented leading lady of Mason and Mason's company, is singing a number of attractive new songs. The most popular among them are "My Coney Corner Girl," "A Garden of Padded Flowers," and "My Little Belle of Japan."

Two new songs by H. L. Ruggles have just been published by Gots and Company, Brooklyn, N. Y., entitled "Swinging in the Hammock" and "My Little Office Girl." An entirely new idea is introduced in the latter song—namely, the effect of typewriter keys are sounded in the orchestra during the chorus of the song.

The talented Ethel Hester is singing two charming story songs, "Just a Chain of Ladies" and "Telling a Picture of Baby."

Daisy Roselle is one among the many distinguished singers who are using "Star of My Life," by Edward Conlon.

Joe Morris, the Hebrew comedian, is using with great success "The Gambling Man," which Edna C. Burnett is also featuring.

With every audience "The Boys in the Gallery for Mine" is a tremendous hit as rendered by Rose Jansette.

Etta Cummins is playing a tuneful song entitled "The Angel with the Bag-Time Harp."

The vivacious Edna Hester is singing Fred Chapin's musical song, "Soldiers," and also the catchy story song, "Ma Rainbow Coon."

The Century Quartette are singing the In Dahomey success, "I'm a Jewish Man."

The Carletons are making a big hit with the up-to-date song, "Mademoiselle New York."

Grace Lyon is singing "Why Don't You Go," "The Gambling Man," and "Show the White of Yo' Eye," at Henderson's this week.

Dawley and Pontelle are receiving more encores with "The Boys in the Gallery for Mine," than they have with any song they have sung in years.

"Beneath the Stars and Stripes," the march song, is again ahead. The public schools and this a great number to song of their school commencement.

The Four Broadway Girls are using the following Witmark publications with unqualified success: "Mademoiselle New York," "I've Got to Go Now," "Cause I Think It's Goin' to Rain," "Just Because You Were an Old Sweetheart of Mine," "Ma Starlight Sue," "While the Moon Shines Bright," and "Star of My Life."

German and West, who have recently finished a successful tour over the Keith circuit, are making a decided hit and closing their act with McPherson and Brynne's song, "Don't Tell It to Me."

"A Lucky Duck," Howard Whitney's latest novelty, with its striking "quack" effect, is one of the big hits of Brooks and his Marine Band at the Coliseum Garden in Chicago.

Baldy and Currier have recently added to their repertoire the beautiful love song, "Autumn Thoughts," by H. Melville Mills and Rida Johnson Young.

Hervada Farrington, who has just closed at the Lion Palace, will add "Poco" to her list of already successful songs.

The Witmark company covered themselves with distinction in the musical game last Saturday at Madison's Front, where they played the Howley, Haviland and Dresser team. The score was twenty-eight to twenty in favor of the Witmarks. The game moved to go their way from the start, although their opponents put up a

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good fight for it. In the first inning the Witmarks scored eight runs to Howley, Haviland and Dresser's one, thus getting a good lead. Almost full of the Witmark team, was really the star of the game, making three phenomenal catches and many base hits. Manager "Woody" Lander says that the challenge is still open to the employees of any other music house.

Walter Ray is singing two descriptive songs, "My Moon of Yesterday" and "Place a Light to Guide Me Home."

Fisher and Clark find favor everywhere for their clever rendition of the new waltz song, "The Boys in the Gallery for Mine."

In a minstrel show which will be given by the newspaper men of Boston in the near future the chief song features will be "While the Moon Shines Bright," by Maurice Stronchill, and "I Don't Want Nothing But Sally."

Henderson, the Chicago trick pianist, played Keith's Union Square Theatre last week. He was engaged to respond to several enthusiastic encores for his rendition of "Julia," and will keep it in his repertoire.

Charles Murray is using a lot of new encore verses to the topical song, "She Reads the New York Papers Every Day." He is also singing "He Ought to Have a Tablet in the Hall of Fame."

Tom Moore's two favorites are "I'll Be Busy All Next Week" and "What a Nasty Disposition for a Lady Like You," and his audiences heartily endorse his judgment.

John J. Murphy has purchased from Francis Conlon all rights to "An American Beauty," his latest song, which Homer Mulaney will sing in Mr. Murphy's production of Wealth and Poverty.

Sadie Leonard, of Jim and Sadie Leonard, shortly to appear at the Masonic Roof-Garden, Chicago, will sing "Show the White of Yo' Eye," "The Gambling Man," and "Julia."

Boogie O'Hynes, who formerly starred in America, England and the British provinces, is meeting with success as a song writer. Her song, "My Sailor Lover," dedicated to Sir Thomas Lipton and the crew of the Shamrock, is becoming very popular, as is also "Oh, Slumber, Slumber," dedicated to the late Marquis of Dufferin and Ava.

While Fred Solomon has accepted one of her operas, A. Baldwin Sloane is writing the music for another, which he expects to produce in London. Miss O'Hynes writes the words and the melodies of her songs, with the exception of two for which Fred Solomon is writing the music.

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London correspondents have sent over here descriptions of the production there of "an adaptation of Daudet's Margot," which has created a ripple. The pervasive Frohman is said to be contemplating it with a view to securing it for production in this country.

These sagacious writers and the Napoleonic manager appear to be wholly ignorant of the fact that Margot—as the drama is called in London—has been acted for an entire season in the United States, and that the American rights to it are owned here under a contract with Alphonse Daudet, made before his death, and his collaborator, Léon Hennique.

Among Daudet's charming sketches grouped under the title, "Femmes d'Artistes," is one called "La Moutonne." He and Hennique used it as the basis of a play which was produced at the Paris Gymnase. Mrs. Fiske acquired it from the authors for this country, and played in it for a season, first under the title *The Queen of Lians*, afterward rechristening it *Marie Deloche*.

So much for the London "adaption of Daudet's Margot," and the pervasive Frohman's reported designs with respect to it.

In their efforts to invade the popular-price field of Stair and Havlin, the booking agents of the Trust are trying to induce the managers of companies of that class to sign contracts for the coming season containing the following clause:

It is finally mutually agreed, and this contract is made upon the express understanding and condition, that the party of the second part will not, except upon the written consent of the parties of the first part, book or play the attraction hereby booked in any theatre or place of amusement in the United States and Canada during the theatrical season covered by this agreement, and will only play the attraction in such theatres or places of amusement as are controlled by the parties of the first part, and for violation of this agreement the parties of the first part may cancel the time hereby booked on one day's notice, to be mailed to the last known address of the said party of the second part.

Managers of popular-price attractions that are in demand of course are refusing to admit this clause. In the first place, it would prevent them from playing in a large number of cities where the Trust has no theatres for their use, because they would be prevented from booking in the Stair and Havlin circuit, which is vastly larger and covers virtually the entire country. In the second place, they see no benefit in submitting to an arbitrary and one-sided demand that would rob them entirely of independence of action. As a matter of fact, lawyers state that the impudent clause is not only inequitable but illegal, and that in case of its application by the Trust in a case of violation all damage sustained would be collectible through the courts by the sufferer.

In a San Francisco interview the other day Cecelia Loftus uttered this bit of wisdom: "Mrs. Campbell wanted me to play with her; but you know how it is supporting a female star. She has the part; the leading man has the part next to the part, and you have what is left—which is mighty little. So I shall play with Mr. Sothren another season."

William Winter left for California on Monday. He will spend the Summer at Mentone with his invalid son Louis. Mrs. Winter and their daughter Viola have preceded him to the Pacific Coast. Mr. Winter will return early in September to take up his work for the season on the Tribune.

A new theatre has been projected in St. Paul on a site most suitable for the purpose. It will be built by a local capitalist and managed by a St. Paul man. The plans call for a seating capacity of 1,000 and a stage of large dimensions.

The theatre will have no affiliation with the Trust, but will play the first-class independent attractions and fill a portion of its time with a first-class stock company. It will be ready to open next season.

This new playhouse will break the Scott-Litt Trust monopoly of St. Paul, which has existed for a number of years. There is a strong probability that the persons interested in this venture will shortly be able also to announce completed plans for a new theatre in Minneapolis.

The failure of Madame Du Barry in Berlin does not mean that the Germans are inappreciative of art from whatever clime or country it may emanate. Their point of view is actually wider than that of any other European people. The French refuse to recognize any art but their own, while the Germans welcome it from every direction.

Madame Du Barry, unfortunately, was not

presented in Berlin as a musical drama, with spectacular and pyrotechnic equipment, but as a specimen of the American drama in its highest form. Naturally, it could not be accepted on that basis. One critic, spokesman of this play, and citing it as an example of the best America can produce in the dramatic line, asks: "What can be expected from a country where Mammon alone is worshipped—where the artistic impulses are crushed out by the desperate struggle for wealth and power?"

Germany, it will be remembered, extended a most cordial appreciation and patronage to Edwin Booth after London had refused to recognize his genius, and there is no doubt that Germany will generously approve any dramatic work or any dramatic artist from this country that approaches the artistic standards that prevail there.

John Hare is to appear in a new play by J. M. Barrie in London next Autumn. The usually well-informed New York Times observes in this connection: "This will be the third Barrie comedy produced in London by Mr. Frohman. The other two were *The Little Minister* and *Quality Street*, Maude Adams appearing in the principal role of each." Maude Adams has not appeared either in *The Little Minister* or in *Quality Street* in London, and *The Little Minister* was not produced by Charles Frohman in London.

REGARDING THE IDLE BORN.

Soon after the recent production in Chicago, by Hart Conway's company, of a play by Chas. Taylor and Benjamin K. Koven, entitled *The Idle Born*, a manager in the Middle West came forward with the statement that he held a prior claim to the honor of having first produced the play since he had dramatized the story when it appeared in a magazine about a year ago, and had presented his version in the West shortly afterward.

As a matter of fact, *The Idle Born* was written originally as a play by Mr. Taylor and Mr. De Koven, was properly copyrighted, and was later converted into a story which was published in *The Smart Set*. The authors "sold" their play simply for the purpose of making it known. They have since received numerous requests for permission to dramatize the story, and the one industrious manager already alluded to has ventured to combat the authors' rights in their own story and play. *The Idle Born* is very completely protected by copyright, and when it is produced by a professional company—as it is likely to be before long—the version used will be one that bears the sanction of Mr. Taylor and Mr. De Koven.

VIOLINIST A COUNTERFEITER.

An Italian by the name of Georgia Neyulas, who lived at Elizabeth, N. J., and who was supposed to be a violin virtuoso, has turned out to be instead a counterfeiter. The violin case, from which he derived his reputation, was later discovered to be merely a box for the transportation of his spurious coins. He was arrested on Saturday, and is awaiting trial under bonds of \$2,500.

HIS SISTER'S SHAME PRODUCED.

His Sister's Shame, a new melodrama by Doris Davidson, was produced at Young's Pier Theatre, Atlantic City, N. J., on June 15. Daisy Lovering, who is to star in the play next season, played the leading role. The remainder of the cast included George W. Barber, Leonora von Ottinger, Carl Anthony, Julia Sanderson, Walter Gilbert, Ethel Elder, Albert Sechett, and Baby Abbott.

AMATEUR NOTES.

Young women students of St. Clara's College, near Dubuque, Ia., recently gave a creditable performance of *The Merchant of Venice*. Students from various points in Illinois and Iowa participated in the play, which was presented before seven hundred guests.

The seniors of the Drake University, at Des Moines, on June 10 presented *The Taming of the Shrew* as the annual class play.

The Sage Dramatic Club of Cornell University gave its annual production in Barnes Hall on a recent afternoon. *Love's Labor Lost* was presented.

The Cornell Maquers on the evening of June 15 presented at the Lyceum Theatre, Ithaca, N. Y., Augustin Daly's comedy, *Seven Twenty Eight*; or, *Casting the Boomerang*. J. L. Motherhead played the leading role, and a large audience attended.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Myna Ketchum, re-engaged by Harry Corson Clarke for the role of *Miss Albee* in *Myrtle-Harder* company for the coming season are Eugene Wick, Raymond Woodworth, A. Scarsano, Charles McCann, Paul Brown, Will Hartwell, William Milliken, Joe Weaver, Bob Mack, Will H. Snyder, Mae Abbott, and Marion Lewis.

Guy Combs, by Joseph Jefferson, to play *Faulkland* in *The Rivals*.

Elysian Holmes, for George Samuels' *The Convict's Daughter*.

Gilmor Hammond, to play leads with Clara Turner company next season.

Frank Millard and William Wray, by Atkinson and Wicks, for *Eben Holden*.

C. Sumner Burroughs, in advance of the *Eben Holden* company for the coming season.

Eugene Le Rue, Arnold Alexander, Louis L. Stone, Bobby Barry, Nellie Mackall, and Lillian Alexander Harris, for the support of Lottie Williams in *Only a Shop Girl*.

Mildred Hyland, by Arthur C. Alston, for at *The Old Cross Roads*.

Walter J. Echols, in advance of the *Myrtle-Harder* company.

Esquilillo Fernandez, by Elsie La Belle, for Tony in *Ailsa*.

By John J. Brophy, to support Homer Mullaney and Minnie Stanley in his production of *Lawrence Underwood's* play, *Wealth and Poverty*; May Woods, Herbert Warren, W. J. Woods, Phyllis Halston, and Edward Turner.

W. B. Mack, Edwin C. Willbur, Harry Hashline, Frank B. Hammond, Mary Maddern, and Jennie Ruppell have been re-engaged for Mrs. Fiske's company, to appear in *Mary of Magdala*.

John A. (Kid) Lawrence, for many years advertising agent for the National Theatre, Philadelphia, by John J. Brophy, as business-manager for his production of *Lawrence Underwood's* play, *Wealth and Poverty*.

Charles Bales, specially engaged by St. Louis and Company, of Detroit, to play *Romeo* in their production of *Romeo and Juliet*, which will tour the resorts of New York State until last of July.

Harry J. Leland, by Bennett-Moulton, for leading business during the coming season.

Frita Adams, playing the light comedies with the Rhod Stock company, at Terrapin Park Casino, Parkersburg, W. Va.

By Yale and Ellis: Jane Ferrall, as leading lady with Al. M. Wilson, and J. Charles Hayden and John C. Oursler for the same company.

Master Robert Harrington has signed with Joseph Hart to play the part of Bunt in the Foxxy Grandin company.

Ruby Erwood, Alida Gardner, Gus Grant, William Asher, and the Oren Hollow Quartette, re-engaged for *A Romance of Coon Hollow*.

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THE STOCK COMPANIES.

One of the largest audiences ever gathered in Keeney's Garden, St. Louis, greeted the stock company at their opening performance of *Hamlet* on Sunday evening, June 14. Lawrence Hanley was reported as making an excellent Hamlet, playing with all of his old time fire and grace. Victory Bateman, who makes her first appearance with the company, and who is another St. Louis favorite, is said to have made an ideal Ophelia, and together with Harry Burkhardt, whose portrayal of King Claudius is credited with sharing the honors with Mr. Hanley. Joseph Bannome was the Ghost, and Rachael Acton, the Player Queen. Others reported as deserving mention are Hal De Forest as Laertes, Edwin Donohoe as Horatio, and Angeline Pullis as Queen Gertrude. Next week *Pink Dominoes* is underlined.

Lillian Kemble opened as leading woman with the Nellie Morosco company at the Burbank, Los Angeles, Cal., May 17, and won favor as Dolores in *In the Palace of the King*; Janice, in *Janice Meredith*, and Angela in *A Royal Family*.

John A. Himmelsheim's Imperial Stock company opened a Summer season of eight weeks at Whitney's Theatre, Detroit, on Sunday, May 31, in *Northern Lights*. The company has created a favorable impression, and the business has been up to the midseason standard. Productions of standard melodramas are given, and seem to meet the wants of the clientele of this theatre. The engagement is a record breaker in one respect, in the fact that it is one of the very few instances where a regular repertoire organization has achieved success in a large city. The company includes Beatrice Earle, Rene D'Arcy, Lillian Seymour, Rayne Keene, Donna B. Sol, Edward B. Hana, Jay Quigley, Sam Mylie, Harry B. Castle, Harry Garrity, Louis Hamedel, Oscar F. Cost, Louis Lytton and Charles M. Nellie. John A. Himmelsheim is manager and Dave H. Woods the stage director.

The Curie Payton Stock company is to tour Long Island this Summer, opening at the Carleton Opera House, Bay Shore, on June 25, playing three nights; Sayville 28 and 29, and Patchogue the following week. The company will carry twenty people and a car of special scenery.

Madge Tucker has been engaged for the Summer season at Manhattan Beach, Denver, Col.

Frank Powell, who has been playing *Mercutio* in *Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet*, has closed with that company to play leading business with the Summer stock company at Brantford, Ont.

The third season of the Lakewood Stock company at Lake Hayden, Me., opened on June 6 to the largest business the company has ever had. The company is under the direction of Lewis McCord and is composed of Maude Winter, C. Blanche Rice, Bertha St. Clair, Elvia Bates, Neil Twomey, Fred Malcolm, Fred R. Benson, Frank Hilton, Harry Stafford, John C. King, and Frank Munsey.

Henry Shumer has closed his second year with the Belasco Stock company, San Francisco, this making his seventh consecutive year in stock. Mr. Shumer is engaged permanently with Mr. Belasco.

Vaughan Glaser has engaged R. C. Hara last year with Mrs. Patrick Campbell, H. S. Northrup, Susanne Stantje, and Edgar MacGregor, for his Cleveland company, which, opening on June 29 with *The Prisoner of Zenda*, will follow with its sequel, *Rupert of Hentzau*.

Irving Brooks having closed his season with the Boyle Stock at Toronto has returned to town. Mr. Brooks will be principal comedian with the Summer opera at the Point of Pines, Boston, opening in his old part in *The Telephone Girl*.

Bertine Robison is being featured in the leading roles with the Theatre Francaise Stock at Montreal. Her work has received many encomiums.

Verner Clarys, who has had a very pleasant and successful season with the F. F. Proctor stock company, is filling a few extra weeks with the same organization.

Anna L. Bates was compelled to close her engagement with Durban-Edwards Stock company at Portland, Maine, and return home on account of the serious illness of her sister.

William T. Kirby, managing editor of the *Newport News Daily Press* and press agent for the Academy of Music in this city, has closed an agreement by which he will install a stock company of his own at that theatre next Spring and Summer.

The Coburn-Santje Stock company closed an engagement of four weeks at the Academy of Music, Newport News, Va., Saturday, June 13. Prior to going to Newport News the company played four weeks in Roanoke. Manager Coburn has arranged to play another Spring and Summer engagement next year in several of the cities on the South coast. The personnel of the company that has just closed was as follows: Suzanne Santje, Charles D. Coburn, Gordon H. Eldrid, Charles H. Stevens, Charles Kennedy, Norma MacDonald, Frank Wallace, Julia Bachelor, Margaret Lee, and Frances Denson. Albert Lang was stage director for the company.

CUES.

T. E. B. Henry, of the Chester De Vonde company, spent a few days in Batavia, N. Y., last week visiting relatives.

Bert Carpenter, of Batavia, N. Y., has signed with Edwin Maynard as baritone next season, commencing July 18, opening in New York.

The Wizard of Oz baseball team defeated the Siegel-Cooper team on June 17 at Jasper Oval by a score of 9 to 4.

Edith Blair has been cast for the part of Miss Autumn in the forthcoming production of *Miss Bob White*.

Amelia Stone, of The Runaways company, has bought a home at Bensonhurst, L. I., where in future she will spend her Summer vacation.

Governor Odell and a party of friends occupied a box at the Casino on Friday evening.

Albert Parr, leading tenor with The Prince of Pilsen, was out of the cast part of last week on account of his mother's death.

Aubrey Beattie is convalescing from an attack of typhoid fever.

George K. Robinson has secured for his star, Marion Francis, C. T. Dazy's melodrama, *The Burglar and the Wolf*.

News has reached New York that George Drew Mendum and George W. Parsons were married last week at Lynchburg, Va.

Grace Kimball denies the announcement that she is to appear in a dramatization of Anthony Hope's *The Indiscretion of the Duchess*.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the negro poet and lyricist, is ill with pneumonia at the home of his mother in Chicago.

Dorothy Donnelly has been engaged as leading woman with Nat C. Goodwin for next season.

The production offered by the Summer Opera company at Terrace Garden last week was *Boccaccio*.

William Bonelli has leased his play, *A Great Game*, to Harry Vokes, of Ward and Vokes. An elaborate production of *A Great Game* is being made and it will have its first presentation early in the season.

PERSONAL



LOWE.—Olivia Lowe, whose portrait appears above, will sail to-day (June 28) on the *Kaiser Wilhelm II.*, and will spend the Summer in London and Paris. Miss Lowe contemplates an English professional engagement, and her return is therefore indefinite.

STEGER.—Julius Steger has been engaged by Florens Ziegfeld to originate the leading baritone role in *The Pea Feather*, in which Grace Van Stoddard will star next season.

LORELL.—Lily Lorell, who last season played *Mercia* in *The Sign of the Cross*, will next season appear in the leading role, that of Minnie Temple, in Charles MacGregor's company presenting *A Message from Mars*.

RICHIEPIN.—Jean Richiepin will next Fall come to America to witness the premiere of his musical play, in which Anna Held will next season star. Miss Held and her husband, Florens Ziegfeld, are at present guests of Mr. Richiepin at his home in Paris.

CANTER.—A dinner to Mrs. Leslie Carter was given on the evening of June 15, by Albert R. Keen at the Hotel Marie Antoinette. David Belasco, Dr. and Mrs. Russell Bellamy, Miss Quarrier, J. Metcalfe and Acton Davies were present.

WARD.—Mrs. Charles Montagu Ward, who as Fannie Batchelder was a very popular member of Edward Harrigan's company a dozen years ago, will make her reappearance on the stage next Autumn with Mr. Harrigan at the Murray Hill Theatre in *Under Cover*.

YOUNG.—James Young, late of Mrs. Fiske's company, who is to be the Sebastian in *Viola Allen's* production of *Twelfth Night* next season, will resume starring the following season under the management of Ernest Shipman.

CALVE.—Heinrich Corried has engaged Emma Calve for the next operatic season at the Metropolitan Opera House. Miss Acté, leading soprano at the Paris Opéra, has also been secured.

CRANE.—William H. Crane called from Boston for England Thursday on the *Mag-flower*.

CROSMAN.—Henrietta Crosmen, accompanied by her husband, Maurice Campbell, left last week for her Summer home at Lake Umbagog, N. H. Mr. Campbell will in a fortnight sail for England to make preliminary arrangements for Miss Crosmen's London appearance in *As You Like It* and *Mistress Nell*. For her New York production of the former Manager Campbell has engaged John Malone to play Jacques, Barton Hall, the Banished Duke and Addison Pitt, Oliver.

MASCAGNI.—Mascagni's first dramatic work, a comedy in three acts, will be produced in Rome in October.

NORTHROP.—H. S. Northrup, who on August 1 will begin rehearsals for an engagement as leading man for Chauncy Olcott, is spending a few weeks at his San Diego ranch.

ORMSBEE.—Miss Ormsbee, a daughter of Hamilton Ormsbee, dramatic critic of the *Brooklyn Eagle*, will make her professional debut with Mrs. Fiske next season.

HOLLAND.—Mildred Holland called her safe arrival in St. Petersburg on Sunday last. At present Miss Holland is in Moscow. She is accompanied on her Russian tour by her nephew, Frank M. Holland.

LEWIS.—Horace Lewis will next season star in *The Middleman* under the management of J. H. Havlin and Charles A. Moore. The piece will be sent over the popular-priced circuits.

SPOONER.—Mrs. Mollie G. Spooner and her daughters, Edna May Spooner and Cecil Spooner, will sail for Europe on the *St. Paul* on July 1. They will be accompanied by Augustus Phillips, Harold Kennedy and Mrs. Jessie McAllister. After making a short tour of the Continent the party will return to America on the *St. Louis* in August.

HARRIS.—Henry B. Harris returned to New York from Europe on the *Celtic* last Saturday.

CLARKE.—Joseph I. C. Clarke, the dramatist, who is now in Paris, will return to America next week.

MORTON.—Martha Morton is at present in London with her husband, Hermann Cushman.

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prize, will visit London and Germany. South and Budd will go to London and later to New York. Mr. Pate, the producer, will visit them on her return, will work with them in New York.

Harry Ernst, of the Quaker City Quartette, is mourning the loss of his father, who died on June 14.

Sally Stembler, who is to support Grapewin and Chance in Mr. Pipp next season, has signed a five years' contract with Samuel L. Pack, who may start her season after next in a musical comedy.

William Paley, the indefatigable theatrical manager, whose marionettes and moving pictures have been a feature of the bills in all the New York theatres for several years past, made a splendid film of the parade of the New York Fire Department, that took place on Saturday, June 6. The picture was shown at Proctor's and is a remarkably fine one. The film is over 1,000 feet in length. Mr. Paley's most successful feat was the taking of moving pictures of actual battles during the war in Cuba.

Bingham, the ventriloquist; the Three Johnsons, and Kittle Bingham have signed for the Madison Square circuit of parks.

Matt Harker, who is located at the Lafayette Theatre, Buffalo, looking after the interests of James H. Brown and John Lee, who are managing the burlesque stock at the above theatre, also the New York street, Cleveland, for the summer months, states that the outlook of the city is very bright. In addition to these two prominent stock men, throughout the summer they are also arranging to send out two road men, next season, opening in September at the beginning of their tour. The company of the summer stock season, which is now being organized, will include the following: The company of the summer stock season, which is now being organized, will include the following: The company of the summer stock season, which is now being organized, will include the following:

Harry Harker, "King of Burlesque," whose letters from the other side are an excellent source of information for the summer readers, are now being published by having a collection of letters printed in the last issue of the "Mirror," the name of which will be "Harker."

After a very successful summer tour of thirty-two weeks, Billy MacLean has returned home to spend the summer. He is looking for a new company and is also studying out a new character for the summer.

Ed Galtier is spending a few weeks at Buffalo, Wis., which is 400 miles north of Chicago, in company with his father, Al W. Galtier, of Chicago, who is one day they landed at Buffalo, where they were met by a large number of people, being caught by Mr. Galtier, and the next day, a twenty-pounder, was on the hook held by him.

John Miller and Father have arrived safe and sound in Johannesburg, South Africa, and are enjoying the natural beauties of the city with their traveling party, which they are presenting at the theatre.

The Pacific Wheel, that was such a big feature of the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, and the original of which was built in 1893, is now being built in the city of Chicago, and is being built by the same company that built the original.

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Low Dandridge and his great school, will open their season only in July. The school is now being built in the city of Chicago, and is being built by the same company that built the original.

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James and Bessie Purley have been another heavily with their new act everywhere. Last week they played at Proctor's and were very successful.

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Several other acts are coming to Proctor's, at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, and the original of which was built in 1893, is now being built in the city of Chicago, and is being built by the same company that built the original.

Kate Hart and her sister will try vaudeville next season in a sketch act, which they are now writing for them.

The French collection of Oscar Belmont was returned last week by the addition of a lot of new costumes.

Madame Dandridge and Trudy Hart, who are on a tour of the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, and the original of which was built in 1893, is now being built in the city of Chicago, and is being built by the same company that built the original.

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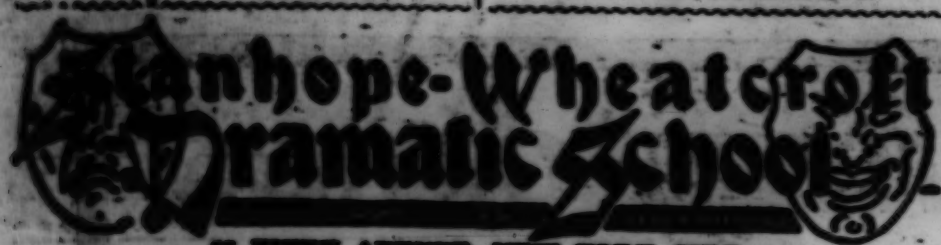
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